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Sent: 8/17/2016 6:46:53 PM
To: Wester, Barbara [wester.barbara@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Follow-Up Conference Call on Minnesota NPDES and Petition to Withdraw- documents
Attachments: Draft SRF Report 062916 MPCA EPA EDITS 072016.pdf

Barbara -

Thank you for these documents.

We would appreciate receiving the Draft SRF Report in Word format and having a chance to comment on the findings and actions proposed to be taken with respect to the metallic mining sector. Even where we agree with the findings, we believe that the actions proposed may be insufficiently substantive to protect water quality. We would also appreciate receiving information as to the names and agencies reflected in the comments on this document.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Best regards,
 Paula

From: Barbara Wester <wester.barbara@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 11:19 AM
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Subject: RE: Follow-Up Conference Call on Minnesota NPDES and Petition to Withdraw- documents

Paula -- please find attached the documents you requested below, and which include EPA's preliminary comments on the silver bay permit, but not the draft permit itself, which I will send separately when Krista returns from vacation.

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Hello Barbara,

This is just quick reminder that in our conference call last week, you and other EPA Region 5 staff said you would be sending us the following documents:

- Draft NPDES/SDS permit for Northshore Mining Silver Bay (NPDES ID MN0055301).
- Draft State Review Framework (SRF) Report for Minnesota. Our understanding from discussions and materials in Fall 2015 was that WaterLegacy as well as the MPCA would have an opportunity to comment on this report, at least with respect to NPDES compliance and enforcement.

- Email of Kevin Pierard to Ann Foss at the MPCA (some time between 2011 and 2014) setting forth a framework of EPA expectations for NPDES permitting that would be applicable to the PolyMet NorthMet project and more specific than what has been provided in EPA comments related to NEPA.

Please let me know if you have any questions. WaterLegacy appreciates the work that the EPA is doing to improve the quality of Minnesota's waters and to ensure Minnesota's compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Best regards,

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